

Please do not remove the current requirement for code testing. The code test may not be a great measure of ones ability to be a good operator but it does cause an operator to invest time and hard work to gain privileges to the HF spectrum. Investing time and work in passing a code test creates a greater respect of the HF privileges earned. I fear that if the code testing is ended many operators will miss that earned respect for the service, not to mention the missed opportunity to learn a valuable skill. Creating a world where everything is given to people and nothing has to be earned seems to me a poor direction to go. Thank you for your time and consideration and please DO NOT remove the element 1 requirement for HF privileges.